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mount of moral & physical power intellectual power, than
any other ~~and~~ employment now before me. — On the oth-
er hand I am apprehensive that these miscellaneous em-
ployments, if continued in much longer will, at my time
of life, shut me out of some appropriate pastoral field
where I should wish to spend the evening of my ~~life~~ days.

I would thank you for as early an answer
as convenient; & if you have time, — besides answering my
inquiries relative to my present agency, — for such in-
formation & suggestions relative to the contemplated agency,
as you may have to offer. Not that I have the means to
~~to~~ suppose that my humble services can be a subject of
any solicitude on the part of your Committee; but I make
the request merely to satisfy my own conscience & help
help me to settle my own course.

Yours most truly & affectionately,
Zephaniah Goodman.

My present agency I have made up my mind, unless
something occur to change my purpose, to relinquish
at the close of my year in Oct. And my mind is now
balancing between ~~the~~ different applications or purposes.
A knowledge of such details of the anti-slavery service as
your experience could furnish would assist me in judg-
ing of my competency & prospect of success in in the business.
Among the specific inquiries which I want to make, am,
In what relation or attitude will the agency place
me in regard to those ministers who do not sympa-
thize with the operation? What would be expected of me
in places where I could have without the ~~of~~ cooperation
non consent of my brethren? &c - Among the differ-
ent ~~order~~ fields of service that are now before me,
I wish to enter that in which I can be the most useful.
It would be a relief to my mind to have unequivocal
indications of the divine will in the case. Among the consider-
ations which to my mind favor the abolition agency, are
(not the conceit that I have any thing of intellectual power
to make my services valuable,) but the fact, which my
age, habits of fraternal intercourse with my brethren, &
their confidence in me, would give me to them pulpits &
their people; & the power of the subject, from its strong
hold upon my sympathies, to call into action a greater a-

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Brother Phelps.

I called at your quarters Monday to ascertain when it would be expedient for me to present my subject in the Manhoro. Chappel, if at all. Should have proposed Sabbath after next. The third or the fourth Sabbath in this month would suit my convenience, preferring however the fourth, because I am now conditionally engaged for the third. If there are any reasons however which render a compliance with this proposal unadvisable, I would thank you to tell me frankly: for it would be sufficiently trying to my feelings to present myself under the most favorable circumstances in that conspicuous place, without crowding out some ~~an~~ individual, on subject, whose clam & hold on public attention would be much stronger than mine.

I have wanted also to have some further communication with you on the subject of the proposed abolition agency, especially the details of the modus operandi.